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1. TOGETHER WITH MISOFFS I MET WITH SOVIET RES REP,
AMBASSADOR EROFEEV, AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF DURING LUNCHEON
AT SOVIET MISSION ON NOVEMBER 10. WHILE DISCUSSION PRIMARILY

ON SUBJECT OF EURATOM IAEA SAFEGUARDS, REPORTED SEPTTEL, THERE
WAS ALSO SOME DISCUSSION OF INFCE.

2. EROFEEV ASKED HOW AGENCY WAS TO BE REIMBURSED FOR
INFCE EXPENDITURES. WE INDICATED THAT WE HAD NO
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INSTRUCTIONS THIS MATTER, BUT USGGESTED THAT ONE POSSIBLE
METHOD WOULD BE TO CREATE SPECIAL FUND THROUGH VOLUNTARY
CONTRIBUTIONS, WITH EXTENT OF CONTRIBUTION FROM EACH COUNTRY
TO BE PRO RATED ON BASIS OF ITS FRANTIONAL ASSESSMENT FOR
AGENCY BUDGET (AS DESCRIBED REFTTEL). EROFEEV, AND
SEPARATELY SOVIET MISOFFS, DEMURRED SYAING SOVIET
AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH ANY FORMULATION

WHICH DIDN'T COMMIT USG TO MAKE THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTION.

THEIR RATIONALE FOR THIS VIEW WAS THAT BECAUSE INFCE IS U.S. INITIATIVE, USG SHOULD BEAR MAJOR BURDEN OF AGENCY INFCE-RELATED COSTS. WE COUNTERED WITH OBSERVATION THAT INFCE IS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM NOW,

AND EVALUATION WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL. MISSION OF VIEW THAT IF DEPARTMENT CONCLUDES SOME FORM OF MORE EQUITABLE COST-SHARING DESIRABLE, SUCH AS THAT DESCRIBED REFTEL, CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN VERY SOON IN MOSCOW TO ENLIST SOVIET SUPPORT. OTHERWISE, IT WOULD APPEAR FROM EROFEEV'S RESPONSE THAT QUESTION OF AGENCY FINANCING COULD BECOME MAJOR ITEM OF DISPUTE AT NOVEMBER 30 BOARD MEETING.

3. EROFEEV WAS CONCERNED THAT AGENCY'S INFCE WORKLOAD COULD COMPROMISE ITS ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH ITS REGULAR PROGRAM. WE RESPONDED BY NOTING THAT TO CONSIDERABLE EXTENT INFCE TASKS PARALLELED AGENCY'S APPROVED

ONGOING PROGRAM, AND WHERE IT WENT BEYOND AGENCY' ONGOING PROGRAM INFCE WOULD IN MANY CASES BE DOING WORK THAT AGENCY WOULD IN ANY EVENT HAVE NEEDED TO ADDRESS AT SOME POINT IN NEAR FUTURE. THUS BECAUSE OF INFCE, AGENCY MIGHT OVER LONGER TERM ENJOY NET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SAVINGS OF MANPOWER EXPENDITURE.

4. EROFEEV OF VIEW THAT AGENCY SHOULD GO SLOW IN COMMITTING ITS RESOURCES TO INFCE. AGENCY ROLE COULD EVOLVE AS IT BECAME CLEAR WHERE AGENCY MIGHT MAKE EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION. WE DID NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUGGESTION AT MEETING WITH SOVIETS, BUT MISSION IN SEPTEL WILL DEAL WITH ALL ASPECTS OF AGENCY COST ESTIMATES FOR INFCE PARTICIPATION. STONE

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